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12. Other Items	6354
13. Share of preparation debt amount due from Pakistan (approx.)	300
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B. External Dept. (at book & value)	25239
Total (A+B)	227941

(Source : Annexure 6 to Receipts Budget 1989-90).

Effects of Import polity on Agricultural commodities

1025. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government have been requesting time and again for the review of the present import policy with regard to crash in prices of agricultural commodities/cash crops like coconut, pepper, rubber, spices etc and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remove the adverse effects of the preent policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the representations received from time to time including those from the Government of Kerala, certain spices viz. cloves and Cinnamon/Cassia, were shifted from the Open General Licence List and brought under Import Licensing w.e.f. the 29th Nov. 1988.

Financial Assistance to drought hit States

1026. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving a serious thought to review the quantum of financial assistance given to States, especially drought-hit State with particular reference to the Ninth Finance Commission's recommendation; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to extend maximum assistance to such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Extension of Insurance cover for marine products exports

1027. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE;
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to extend in-surface cover for marine products' exports has been under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The General Insuarance Corporation of India have introduced with effect from 1st April, 1989 an insurance cover for Marine Exports on selective basis.

Customs House at Attari

1028. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh, spate of terrorist attacks on official has been noticed following the commissioning of a Customs House at Attari near Wagah border to prevent smuggling across this border;

(b) if so, what are the details about the increase in terrorist activities during 15 days following the commissioning of the Customs House as compared to the corresponding period preceding it; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closure of Delhi Cloth Mills

1029. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has permitted the closure of the Delhi Cloth Mills, consequent upon the supreme Court Orders; and

(b) if so whether an alternative arrangement is being made to set up a textile mill in the Capital with adequate production capacity, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government.

Terrorist Activities

1030. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of terrorist activities in the country and the number of persons killed due to such activities during March, 1989; and

(b) whether any notable change has been observed in regard thereto since the release of lodhpur detenus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab, 95 persons were killed in incidents due to terrorist activities in the State during March, 1989, Two bomb explosions took place in Delhi during the month. No person was killed in these explosions. There was no incident due to terrorist activities in the State of Gujarat and in the Union Territories of Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu and Chandigarh during the month. The information in respect of the remaining States and Union Territories is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Public perception is more favourable to the measures taken by the secu-